

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Katharina Schuster (Reg. No. 50,000) on 5/28/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

before "storage" (claim 1, line 6) insert -- hardware --;

before "computer" (claim 19, line 3) insert -- hardware --;

replace "\_" (claim 19, line 4) with a blank space;

before "computer" (claim 55, line 2 **first instance**) insert -- hardware --.

#### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not specifically disclose or remotely suggest

With regard to independent claim 1:

for each user in the set of users, regulate network bandwidth usage associated with that user based on the at least one network bandwidth limit established for that user;

based on attributes in the first user profile, establish user specific rules and conditions that are bound to the first user during the control session based on the first

user device and the user credentials provided by the first user for the control session; and

**dynamically update** the at least one network **bandwidth limit** for at least one user from the set of users to account for the **first user gaining access to the second network.**

With regard to independent claim 19:

for each user in the set of users, regulate network bandwidth usage associated with that user based on the at least one network bandwidth limit established for that user;

based on attributes in the first user profile, establish user specific rules and conditions that are bound to the first user during the control session based on the first user device and the user credentials provided by the first user for the control session; and

**dynamically update** the at least one network **bandwidth limit** for at least one user from the set of users to account for the **first user gaining access to the network.**

With regard to independent claim 37:

at the control device and based on the **arbitrary number of attributes in each user profile**, establishing user specific rules and conditions that are bound to each user during a control session, wherein the user specific rules include at least one network bandwidth limit for that user;

for each user in the set of users, regulate network bandwidth usage associated with that user based on the at least one network bandwidth limit established for that user;

at the control device, **dynamically updating** the at least one network bandwidth limit for at least one user from the set of users.

With regard to independent claim 55:

determine if the first network communication causes the network bandwidth limit to be exceeded;

if the first network communication causes the network bandwidth limit to be exceeded, drop the network communication; and

**dynamically update** the network bandwidth limit for the user.

In addition, Examiner points to the arguments of Applicant's representative (Arguments on 7/17/08; pp. 13 – 15; Interview Summary mailed 7/22/08 (interview held on 7/16/08)).

2. These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record. A review of claims 1 – 60, in view of the Examiner's arguments above, indicates that claims 1 – 60 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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